



# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Office of Campaign & Political Finance*

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Ingeborg Uhlir, Clerk  
Bear Hill Friends  
P.O. Box 422  
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Clerk Uhlir:

This is in response to your recent letter to this office, in which you inquire about the impact of G.L. c. 55, the campaign finance law, on certain activities contemplated by your organization.

The campaign finance law requires that all political committees register, and report their activities to either this office or the local city or town clerk. A political committee is defined, in relevant part, as:

"any committee, association, organization or other group of persons, including a national, regional, state, county, or municipal committee which receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, or candidates, or of presidential and vice-presidential elector, or for the purpose of opposing or promoting a charter change, referendum question, constitutional amendment, or other question submitted to the voters."

While the activities of your group do not appear to meet the criteria for political committee requirements at this time, I suggest that you bear the law in mind as you proceed with your activities. If, at any time, the issues with which you are concerned become a question on an election ballot, or if you receive or expend funds in contemplation of a question appearing on the ballot, the requirements under the campaign finance law may be triggered.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis J. Duffin".

Dennis J. Duffin  
Director